

Parent File FO 83 O (7)/Sale File WM 60462–Vilas County 10.03 Acres

The Department acquired this parcel as a part of a larger transaction for \$3,173.04 in 1911.

This parcel is a part of the Northern Highlands American Legion State Forest (NHAL) exclusion zones. The NHAL Master Plan, approved by Natural Resources Board (NRB) action in 2005, included acquisition exclusion areas in and around the Towns of Manitowish Waters, Boulder Junction, Sayner, St. Germain, and Lake Tomahawk. These exclusion areas were originally removed from the Northern Highland and American Legion State Forest Administrative boundaries in 1975 by NRB action. The 1982 and 2005 NHAL Master Plans recognized this action and the continued interests of the local Towns for these areas to remain as exclusion areas and not be included in the NHAL project boundary. The intent of the 1975 action, and the two subsequent master plan actions, was to adjust the project boundary and remove lands from the NHAL project boundary, as well as the State Forest designation. The rationale for all three actions was to allow the Department the ability to divest the lands by trade or sale, for more appropriate forested lands within the NHAL and allowing the Towns to direct local growth and development in and around their communities.

This parcel is comprised of pine plantation, a 76 year old Red Pine plantation and a 3 year old Jack Pine plantation. The original Jack pine stand was cut in 2012 and planted in 2013.

The Department has not made substantial investments in infrastructure on the property; timber management has occurred.

Public use on the property includes use of the logging roads to access the larger NHAL property. As well as use of an existing snowmobile trail that intersects the property. The parcel is accessible to the public through Senior Drive, which dead ends at the property. The Town of Boulder Junction has expressed interest in acquiring this parcel.

The Department recommends that the Natural Resources Board offer this land for sale under the authority granted by s. 23.145 Wis. Stats., to be offered first to the Town of Boulder Junction and secondly to the general public, subject to an easement for the Department's management access to the NHSF and for an existing snowmobile trail.

